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1. A PARTICULARLY WELL INFORMED WESTERN EUROPEAN AMBASSADOR WHO VISITED BOTH PRISONS GAVE US A COPY OF HIS REPORT TO HIS GOVERNMENT WHICH CONTAINED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION AS OF JUNE 17 ON LIBERTAD AND PUNTA RIELES PRISONS:

LIBERTAD - 1326 PRISONERS, 700 GUARDS. OF THE 1326 PRISONERS, 32 PERCENT HAVE BEEN SENTENCED AND 68 PERCENT "PROCESSED" (PRO-CESSING IS A COURT-CONDUCTED PRELIMINARY INVESTIGATION AND SUBSEQUENT ARRAIGNMENT). THE AVERAGE AGE OF THE PRISONERS IS 27 AND 80 PERCENT ARE UNIVERSITY GRADUATES OR STUDENTS.

PUNTA RIELES - 192 PRISONERS AND 220 GUARDS. ONLY 20 PERCENT OF THE PRISONERS HAVE BEEN SENTENCED AND 80 PERCENT HAVE BEEN PROCESSED. MOST OF THESE, ALSO, ARE PROFESSIONAL PEOPLE OR UNIVERSITY STUDENTS.

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2. THE FIGURES PROVIDED ABOVE PARALLEL THOSE REPORTED
IN REF A WITH ONE MINOR DIFFERENCE. OUR DATA HAD
INDICATED THAT ONLY 26 PERCENT OF THE PRISONERS IN
LA LIBERTAD HAD BEEN SENTENCED.

3. THE AMBASSADOR COMMENTED THAT CONDITIONS AT BOTH
PRISONS WERE EXCELLENT, BUT THE MAJOR VIOLATION OF HUMAN
RIGHTS IN HIS VIEW WAS THE SLOWNESS OF THE JUDICIAL
PROCESS.
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